

## Q & A

1. Section 1.2 of the RFP, on page 5, states that “*Qualified firms must not have entered into or be part of any open contracts with the MBTA.*” We are currently engaged with MBTA on other contracts, can we request a waiver of this requirement?

Answer: If the potential bidder has current, open, ongoing, active contracts with MBTA, the Department of public Utilities, as oversight agency of railroad safety of MBTA, considers this as a conflict of interest. Therefore the potential bidder is precluded from this procurement.

2. The deadline in the RFP is Friday, November 25 (the day after Thanksgiving) – is this a typo?

Answer: This is not a typo.

3. If the deadline is not a typo, would the DPU consider extending the deadline by a week given the holiday?

Answer: The RFR will be posted over one month. Department believes there is adequate time to preparation for a contract in \$150K range.